

for continuing a program that has served so many so well.

I am pleased to join citizens across New Hampshire in thanking Councilor Burton for his decades of extraordinary service to our State. No one has fought harder for his constituents than Ray Burton. And for generations to come, public officials will look to Ray as a model—striving to match his tremendous energy, his inherent decency, and his extraordinary commitment to strengthening our beloved state.●

#### REMEMBERING BERNARD WYNDER

● Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I wish to pay tribute to an extraordinary individual, Bernard “Bernie” Wynder, who passed away at the much too young age of 58 this past June while serving as the president of the Allegany County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP. Bernie overcame the challenges of a childhood on the streets of East Baltimore and made it his life’s work to mentor young Black men and help them to succeed as students, professionals, husbands, and fathers. Bernie generously gave his time and inimitable leadership to numerous community organizations, including Maryland Salem Children’s Trust, Western Maryland Food Bank, Potomac Council Boy Scouts of America, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Allegany County Multicultural Committee, American Red Cross, and the City of Cumberland Mediation Advisory Council. He also served on the Allegany County Human Relations Commission and as chair of the Friends of the NAACP.

Most recently, Bernie’s loving attention help reignite the local NAACP branch as a powerful voice for social justice in Mountain Maryland. I was privileged to spend time with Bernie on my visits to Allegany County and get to know his love for his community and to be inspired by his passion for social justice.

Bernie was born in Baltimore on January 4, 1955. He graduated in 1974 from Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School, where he served as president of the Student Senate for the Baltimore City School System. He is a 1978 graduate of Frostburg State University and received his master of education from FSU in 1984. Bernie started his professional career in January 1979, accepting the position of admissions counselor & minority recruiter at FSU. He became coordinator of minority recruitment at Slippery Rock University and then returned to FSU in 1982 as associate director of admissions. He served in this role until 1986, when he was promoted to be the director of the Office of Student Human Relations & Minority Affairs. In this capacity, he developed an academic monitoring program which is still in use today. In 1996, Bernie took over the management duties of both the Admissions and Financial Aid Offices at FSU. In 2001, he

moved to the Athletic Department, where he served as the assistant director of athletics and worked with coaches and the Office of Enrollment Services to develop recruitment activities for athletes and to increase their retention and graduation rates. Later, Bernie served as assistant vice president of student services.

Bernie Wynder’s lifetime of service has been recognized and appreciated by others. In 1986, Bernie received the Trio Achiever’s Award for the State of Maryland. He was inducted into Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School’s Hall of Fame in 1993. He received FSU’s Alumni Achievement Award in 1997 and received the College Admissions Representative of the Year Award given by the College Bound Foundation for service to Baltimore City high school students in 2002. In 2005, Bernie received the NAACP Image Award. In 2010, Bernie was one of three Marylanders honored as a “Living Legend” by the Associated Black Charities for his “profound achievement in higher education.” He is also an alumnus of Leadership Allegany.

Mr. President, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said, “Everybody can be great . . . because anybody can serve . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” Dr. King could have been describing Bernie Wynder, who devoted his life to service to others. The NAACP and FSU students, faculty, staff, and alumni mourn his death, as do his brothers in Omega Psi Phi to whom he was a mentor and a source of inspiration. His love and concern transformed the lives of so many generations of Frostburg students.

I send my deepest condolences to his wife of 32 years, Robin Vowels Wynder; their son, Bernard “Bear” Wynder Jr.; their daughter, Brandie McIntyre; and the rest of his family. Bernie Wynder was a man of uncommon integrity, wisdom, compassion, and commitment. We will miss his courage and vision and voice.●

#### REMEMBERING PAUL RALSTIN

● Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, today I wish to honor the life and legacy of an outstanding conservationist, sportsman, and dear friend.

Paul Ralstin’s interest in the outdoors and wildlife conservation began at a young age, when he was an active Boy Scout and Eagle Scout. He grew that appreciation into a strong devotion to advancing conservation efforts as an active Ducks Unlimited volunteer, hunter, and fisherman. A graduate of Capital High School, Paul grew up and lived in Boise. In addition to serving in multiple leadership roles in Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Ducks Unlimited Canada, and Ducks Unlimited de Mexico, Paul was successful in the construction industry as owner of the family construction business, Gem State Builders. Paul also helped develop opportunities for others through serving as a mentor.

Throughout his life, Paul led with a heartfelt exuberance. His wit, friendliness, sense of adventure, and fun-loving spirit will be forever remembered. I have greatly valued his friendship and insight and extend my deep condolences to his wife Jeanne, children, and many friends and family. Paul’s exemplary commitment to improving our natural resources and wildlife habitat will not be forgotten. His enthusiasm and dedication will live on in the many lives he touched throughout his life.●

#### BUCKSKIN MINE

● Mr. ENZI. Madam President, I rise today with great pride to speak about another Wyoming success story. I am very pleased to have this opportunity to extend our congratulations to the Buckskin Mine, which is located in my home State of Wyoming, for the outstanding record of safety they were able to compile in 2012. The mine’s focus on safety and the great results they were able to achieve speak volumes about the mine and the care and attention they give to safety and to keeping their employees safe at work.

I have often heard it said that successful safety and health programs don’t just “happen.” They take a great deal of time and effort and they result from a teamwork approach that involves everyone from the owner of the mine to the dedicated and hard-working team that works in the mine every day. That means this safety award was earned by everyone at the mine.

It is no secret. Working in a mine is a difficult and dangerous job, and it requires every worker to look out for their own safety as well as their fellow workers’ safety. That kind of diligence, exercised every day, is what helps to ensure that all our workers will make a safe return home at the end of the day to be with their families.

Simply put, that is why the Buckskin Mine is receiving this recognition. Their staff goes the extra mile every day to make sure their mine is as safe as it can possibly be. The culture of workplace safety that is then created helps to keep each of their workers focused on safety throughout the day. The result is this special award.

I have always believed that the best way to lead is by example, and by earning this important recognition they have established a record of safety that other mines will want to emulate. In the end, that is something that will continue to benefit Wyoming and the mining industry all across the Nation.

The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, on which I serve, has focused our attention on this key issue for many years. As a committee, we are well aware of what an impressive record this is, and we hope their record of success will become the norm across the United States. Safe work habits create safe workplaces and low accident rates for all employees which makes our business community, especially our mining